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1. USNATO FIRMLY SUPPORTS EMBASSY PARIS' PROPOSAL FOR U.S.-
FRENCH CONSULTATIONS ON THE INDIAN OCEAN.

2. IF THE U.S. PROCEEDS WITH SUCH CONSULTATIONS, EITHER
BILATERALLY WITH THE FRENCH OR TRILATERALLY WITH ADDITION
OF THE BRITISH, MISSION BELIEVES DEPARTMENT SHOULD CONSIDER
HOW TO MESH THESE DISCUSSIONS WITH CONSULTATIVE PROCESS WITHIN
NATO. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE FRENCH SENSITIVITY IN THIS REGARD,
WE BELIEVE CONSULTATIVE PROCESS REGARDING INDIAN OCEAN SHOULD
DEVELOP OVER TIME IN WAY WHICH PERMITS FULLEST POSSIBLE EXCHANGE
OF INFORMATION WITH OTHER ALLIES.
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